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To: School District Superintendents
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From: Peg Brown-Clark,
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Date: January 23, 2009 

Subject: Chapter 7 Rules Governing Services for Children with Disabilities - Emergency Rules

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – TIME SENSITIVE

On December 1, 2008, the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) issued amendments to the regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 300) of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA). These amended regulations became effective on December 31, 2008. The amendments may be found in their entirety at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-28175.pdf>.

Chapter 7 Rules have been revised to reflect the changes in the amended federal regulations and were consequently signed into Emergency Rule status by Governor Freudenthal on January 14, 2009. These rules can be accessed on the WDE website at www.k12.wy.us.

The WDE will promulgate the final version of the Chapter 7 Rules during the 120-day Emergency Rule period. Revised Model Forms will also be finalized during the same period of time. The Rules and WDE Revised Model Forms will go out for the public comment, all during this time frame. Notification of the public comment period and the required public hearings will be forth coming.

The WDE Special Programs Unit is currently working with the districts' special education directors/coordinators to provide training and technical assistance (including model forms and guidance documents) to aide in the immediate implementation of the changes to the federal regulations.

For a summary of the amendments or questions regarding the implementation of the amendments, please send inquiries to pclark@educ.state.wy.us.

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